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1210 WEST THIRD STREET.
DAYTON, OHIO.

Resolved to Please.

The author of "The Five Talents of Woman" says that often a husband is more difficult to manage than children, but the wife, who keeps her temper and perseveres to please, will in the end conquer by kindness. He tells the following story to confirm his assertion: Zachariah Hodgson was not naturally an ill-tempered man, but he treated his wife more like a slave than his equal. If his temper was ruffled abroad, she was sure to suffer when he came home. His meals he insisted were badly cooked, though the good woman did her best to please him.

One day Zachariah sent home a large fresh cod, with orders to cook it for dinner. The wife knew that whether she boiled it, or fried it, or made it into chowder, her husband would scold her when he came home. She, therefore, cooked portions of it in several different ways, that for once, if possible, he might be pleased with his dinner. She did more, she secured a frog, from the brook back of the house, and put it into a large dish.

At noon Zachariah came home, with his usual fault-finding look. "Well, wife," said he, "how did you cook the fish? I suppose you've spoiled it for my eating." Then, as he took off a cover, he continued: "I thought so. Why did you fry it? I'd as soon eat a fried frog! Why didn't you boil it?"

"I have boiled some also," said she, lifting a cover and showing the shoulders of a cod nicely boiled.

"Boiled fish! chips and porridge," growled Zachariah. "If you had not been stupid, you would have made a chowder."

With a smile, she placed before him a tureen of chowder. "My dear," said she, "I was determined to please you. There is your favorite dish."

"Favorite dish, indeed!" growled the surly man. "It's a wishy-washy mess. I'd rather have a

boiled frog than the whole of it."

His wife had anticipated his favorite expression. She uncovered a large dish and showed a large bull-frog, stretched out at full length.

Zachariah sprang from his chair. "My dear," said his wife, "I hope you will make an excellent dinner."

The humor of the whole scene overcame his sullenness; he burst into a hearty laugh and declared that never again should she have occasion to expose him as a croaker. He was as good as his word.—*Sel.*

A Significant Wink.

A great part of what is called a man's success in life depends upon his finding out in good season what his natural bent is, and then following it. James Nasmyth was particularly fortunate in this respect. Although his father was an artist, he himself had no little aptitude for drawing and painting, yet he was sure that he was "cut out" for a machinist and a machinist he became.

Having learned his trade, he went to Manche to start in business for himself, and there, among other good people, he met the Brothers Grant, the famous Cheeryble Brothers of Dickens.

He was first introduced to Daniel, who invited him to his house, and presented his "noble brother William," as Daniel always called him. At the dinner-table young Nasmyth sat next to William, and was asked many questions.

"How old are you?"

"Twenty-six."

"Rather young to begin business on your own account."

"Yes; but I have plenty of work in me, and know how to be economical."

"What capital have you?" Nasmyth confessed that he had only sixty-three pounds.

The old gentleman thought that a very small amount, but after giving his new friend sundry cautions, he added that he must keep his heart up.

"If some Saturday night you should need money to pay off your hands, or for anything else, you will always find a credit of five hundred pounds, at three per cent., at my office, and no security."

Nasmyth was, of course, as much pleased as surprised, and, as he says, could only whisper

his thanks in return. To these Mr. Grant responded with a squeeze of the hand and a peculiar wink.

This wink made a most vivid impression upon the younger man. It seemed full of all manner of kindness. As he describes it, "Mr. Grant seemed to turn his eye round, and brought his eyebrows down upon it in a sudden and extraordinary manner."

The "noble brother" proved every whit as kind as young Nasmyth could have expected or asked for; but it transpired, a year or two afterward, that the wink had no immediate connection with his generosity. In fact, the eye that gave it was made of glass! It now and then got out of place, and its wearer had to force it back by that odd contortion of his eyebrows, which, taken in connection with the conversation then passing, Nasmyth had understood to be expressive of all manner of kind intentions.—*Sel.*

Rash Choice.

"Now, Gus," said a boy to his play-mate, "we've got this dog in partnership, and half belongs to each of us. We'll call one end mine, and one end yours, and you can have just which end you like."

"All right," replied Gus. "You can have the front end (*persuasively*), with the eyes and the ears and the mouth and the collar and the teeth, or the rear end, with just the tail."

"I'll take the front end."

"All right; you will have to feed him."

His Reason.

"Why don't you get married, Uncle Peter?" asked an acquaintance of a batchelor negro.

"Why, bless yer soul," was the reply, "I've got an old mudder, an I has to do fo' her, sah, an' if I don't buy her shoes and stockin's, she don't git none. Now, if I was to git married, I'd hab to buy 'em fo' my wife, and dat'd be takin' de shoes and stockin's right out o' my mudder's mouf."

Sacred to Her Memory.

Bootblack—"Shine, sir?"
Countryman (sadly)—"No, sonny; them boots ain't been blacked since my poor, dear wife died, six months ago. There ain't much blackin' left on 'em, but what's there she put on herself."

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Our office received a pleasant call last Wednesday from Mr. E. D. Hyre, editor of the Ohio Swine Breeder's Journal.

There are six drug stores on the West Side, but not a single shoe store, and not a single clothing store. If we were better supplied with shoes and clothing, perhaps there would be less need of drug stores.

The Improvement Association holds its next meeting Thursday evening in the Republican Club rooms on Third Street. The executive committee have been instructed to prepare a special programme for the occasion. "Keep your eye on the day and date."

If the parents in Miami City think that it is a mistake to erect more school buildings on the grounds on Fifth, they should speak at once. Many think that the number of children massed in that school is already too large to attend at one place. Moreover the district is so large that many small children are compelled to go too far to school. If a building were erected in another part of the district for the accommodation of the smaller children, many would be better pleased. The School Board has passed a resolution for another building on the Fifth street lot, and if there is any objection to the plan, it is necessary to speak at once.

Pennsylvania Flood.

The flood in Pennsylvania is the most terrible catastrophe in the history of this country. The loss of life is immense. The lowest estimates of the number of the drowned place it at not less than one thousand. Some place the number as high as ten thousand. But if only two thousand lives have been destroyed it will rank above most battles in the number of lives lost. In the great Battle of Bull Run, only eight hundred soldiers were killed on both sides. Three such battles would hardly equal this flood in

destructiveness. Even at the three days battle at Gettysburg, where the blood flowed in torrents, the Union dead only numbered twenty-eight hundred. If the reports from the flooded region are not too largely exaggerated it is probable that Pennsylvania lost more lives in this freshet than the whole North lost in that terrible battle. Thousands and thousands of people are homeless, and with no clothing but what they had on when the water came. Deprived of clothes and shelter, their homes swept away, and their fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers carried away for ever in the angry waters, their condition is most pitiable. They are deserving of the greatest sympathy, and that too of the kind which not only pities but helps in time of misery.

The people of Dayton should respond liberally to the appeal for help. Only those who passed through the Kemp Town flood a few years ago can even begin to appreciate the awful nature of this flood. As in that case the water fell in blinding sheets for several hours. It ran down the mountain sides and turned the mountain stream into a Niagara rapids. Leaping out of its bed the river spread all over the city of Johnsville and, hemmed in by the mountains, it soon attained a remarkable depth. Suddenly just as the flood had reached its height the dam, one thousand feet long and sixty feet high which lies just above the city, gave way and a solid wall of water forty feet high swept down upon the doomed city and swept it from the face of the earth. Only two hundred houses of a large city were left standing. The rest with their human occupants were hurled pell-mell down the stream with the rushing water. Whole families went down in the flood and were never heard from again.

Some, after being so fortunate as to get upon some floating piece of a building, would meet with some obstruction and be thrown from their raft and be drowned. To add to the horror of the scene a number of houses and floating pieces of timber formed a jam and caught fire, and a number of persons, who had been pinned fast in the wreckage, were roasted to death in the very midst of the flood.

The rushing waters swept on past Johnsville in their mad course and overwhelmed village

after village along the river's banks till at last its force was spent many miles from its starting point. The damage to property will be immense, but in view of the great loss of life, less attention has been given to it than is usually the case. But enough is known to show that it will take millions of dollars to repair the damage.

The committee meeting of the Improvement Association at the Building association rooms last Tuesday evening was well attended. The various committees formed organizations and mapped out the work to be performed. A full list of the committees and their departments of work will be published in the News next week, and all persons wishing to secure improvements in any of the lines of work will please apply at once to a member of the proper committee.

The movement is gaining headway and will without doubt be a success. Now is the time to join it. Send in your name at once. Mr. Thorne and Mr. Wallace are the committee on membership for the part of the territory lying north of Third. Messrs. Wysong, Hill, Finch, Pexton and Lewis will receive members south of Third.

LOCAL NEWS.

Ice cream and soda water men are getting discouraged.

E. W. Ellis has his house on Fourth street ready for shingles.

Mrs. C. W. Salisbury and children, of Winchester, are visiting at Dr. Williamson's.

Dr. Tom Salisbury and Will Snyder will spend the Sunday in Lebanon, Ohio.

Mr. J. E. Loy of Cridersville, O., spent a few hours in the city, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Will Gilbert visited the Seventh District schools, last Friday afternoon.

Ed Salts has sold his meat shop on Broadway and will soon start on a trip to Europe.

A new drug store will soon occupy the room vacated by Sidwell & Salisbury.

Rev. W. S. Gilbert has taken charge of the U. B. church at Seven Mile, Ohio.

The street sprinklers had a snap this week. So did the people who live on streets which never see a sprinkling cart.

Rev. and Mrs. Bair, the father and mother of Rev. M. R. Bair, are spending a few days in this city. Their home is in Illinois.

J. H. Hohler has sold his house on Sprague street to Mr. C. E. Surface, and will build another on the lot just north of it.

The three shade trees on Fourth street, which Mrs. Lanthurn tried so hard to save have been cut down.

The Young Athletics and the Dayton Victims played a game of ball Saturday with a score of 8 to 5 in favor of the former.

Mr. Walters' building is almost ready for brick work. It will probably be ready for occupancy about the first of September.

Miss Lulu Hott has returned from Westerville where she has been attending school at Otterbein University.

H. B. Killpatrick the barber, who used to run the barber shop next to the News office, is thinking of removing his family to this city, and of opening another shop.

Prof. Horace Stokes, Principal of the schools at the Xenia Soldiers' Orphan's Home spent Decoration Day at his home at Mr. Corbet's on South Williams street.

Mr. Perry Zehring is getting the plastering on his new house on Home Avenue. He expects to occupy it toward the close of next month.

A little boy has taken up his abode in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Linard on West First street. The little chap has the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

The Hiram Strong Post decorated the graves of the soldiers who are buried in the Greencastle cemetery, south of this city.

Except for about fifty feet near Broadway, it is now possible to walk from Euclid street to the bridge without meeting with any mud puddles in the side walk.

The Highlanders, a town club came over to Miami City on Decoration day and was defeated by a pick-nine of West Side boys by a score of 9 to 5.

Ex-Bishop Flickinger was in the city a few days last week. He is engaged in writing a history of the United Brethren Missionary society, of which he was an officer for many years.

Dr. L. Davis has been quite unwell the past week. He had several slight attacks of the stomach trouble which now and then endangers his life.

Mr. J. Allen Gilbert is among the graduates at Otterbein University this spring. After commencement he will go West as agent for a grocery company.

Mr. Fred Funkhouser delivered an oration of great merit at the closing exercises of the second year class of the Central High School, Friday afternoon.

The foundation of a building which Mr. Balbwin is erecting on Mound street south of Fifth gave way a few days ago and stopped the work.

Natural Gas pipes have been scattered along Williams street ready to be put in the ground. It is hoped that the West Side people can be using the gas before fall.

Bishop Hott starts for the Pacific Coast next Monday. His district embraces the states of Washington, Oregon and California, and Idaho Territory. He expects to be gone several months.

An excellent show was given Saturday morning in Shields' barn. Each act aroused the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Charlie Brown, who was present as a reporter for the News, reports that a large crowd attended the show.

Charles Webbert's barn in the rear of his residence on Fifth street is a little beauty. Persons wishing to put up a stable which will be an ornament, not a disgrace to their grounds, will do well to take a look at it.

The commencement exercises of Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, will begin Sunday, June 9th., with the baccalaureate sermon. The addresses of the graduating class will be delivered Thursday. A number of persons from this city will go to attend the exercises.

A strictly moral gaming table has been started in Mr. Gilbert's coal office. The game is played by knocking little balls about a table. The common name of it is croquet. But it is played with marbles and doll-baby mallets so that a magnifying glass is not out place in attempting fine plays.

Thieves broke into the chicken-house of Mrs. Wombold on Third street Friday night and stole thirteen chickens, one of them a fine game rooster. The family did not retire till late that evening and one of them happening to visit the coop about eleven o'clock found the chickens gone. The stolen birds have not yet been heard from.

While Henry Gates was out delivering for Booth's grocery he left a coal oil can setting on the side walk while he went in to a customers house on Mound street. On his return he was unable to find the can. Some one had walked off with it. If the guilty party will return the can Mr. Gates will suitably reward him for the trick he has played.

Several Indians made their appearance on the streets, Saturday afternoon. They pointed their guns at pale-faces and passing stage coaches, but the President has not yet been compelled to call out the U. S. Army to suppress them. They will probably wash their faces and take their places in Sunday-School, Sunday, as though they had never been "heap big Injuns."

Joseph Gomer, formerly of this city, for many years at the head

of the United Brethren missions in West Africa, has returned to this country, and will speak in one of the Dayton churches, Sunday.

Henry Ruse is intending to raise his water tank on Second street and lay pipes from it to Third street, to save the trips back and forth to load up the wagon. It will save a distance of over ten miles a day.

Mrs. L. O. Burtner of Keedysville Maryland is paying a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Light of North Summit street. Mr. Burtner is the pastor of a charge in the Maryland conference of the United Brethren church.

Leslie Hunter the clerk at High's grocery who was stricken down with concussion of the brain several weeks ago has been unconscious most of the time since. It is feared that he will not recover although symptoms are now a little more favorable than they have been.

A few base-ball enthusiasts met on the grounds across from the School house, Decoration day and had a lively game. H. Thorne and Joe Arnold did the twirling for one side; Madden and Leslie for the other. Wilson and Leslie did the catching. Both sides played with blood in their eyes and water trickling down their backs. The ball was wet but the players accepted nearly every chance, to let the ball get past them. If it had only been just a little colder they would have frozen to the balls without trouble. After playing a number of inning they got discouraged and quit with the score standing 26 to 11.

GENERAL NEWS.

George W. Vanderbilt sailed for Bremen on Wednesday.

Mr. Cleveland has subscribed \$100 to the New York memorial arch. The fund is now near \$30,000.

G. W. Childs offers \$50 prize to the man passing the best examination for entrance to Princeton's next freshman class.

Boston will again be the residence of Mr. Howells, having moved his family thither from New York—for a brief period, at least.

President Harrison has been invited to review the New York Sunday-school parade on June 5th and it is thought probable that he will accept the invitation.

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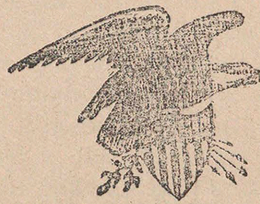
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He Would be Master.

The French rule in Algiers has improved the condition of Arab women, by exacting vengeance from the husband who ill-treats his wife too outrageously. The tourist who sees an Arab marched through the streets by mounted French soldiers, will be told, if he inquires the man's offence, "It is his wife he has been beating; they all do it, these Arabs."

As the Arab buys his wife, he regards her as his chattel, to be driven and treated as a slave. A story illustrates the Arab's method of showing that he is master in his own family:

An Arab chief, having taken an affectionate farewell of his household, departed for Constantine. In a few days he returned, greatly excited, and bade his favorite wife bring him four posts and a cord. Lashing her to the posts driven into the ground, he began to beat her.

"What has she done?" asked the villagers, attracted by the woman's cries.

"She is the best of wives and mothers, the pearl of the tribe!" exclaimed another.

The infuriated chief stopped to explain that at Constantine he had seen an Arab woman accuse her husband of ill-usage; and the Cadi, backed by the French authorities, had actually given a judgment in her favor!

"I felt that all men were insulted through that woman!" exclaimed the chief. "And I am assuring myself that I, at least, am master in my own family."—*Sel.*

Collecting Debts in Turkey.

The honesty of the Turks in all money matters is proverbial. The necessity for resorting to the law for collecting debts are rare. When, however, this has to be done the methods differ from ours. The following story told of the Prime Minister Achmet makes this plain.

When he was in the ministry a poor man complained to him, as the minister in whose department the matter lay, that a chamberlain at the palace would not pay his debt; that he had obtained a legal decision in his favor, but could not get it executed against a person employed about the court. Achmet told the man to come again in a month, and sent word to the chamberlain to settle it within that time. He also wrote letters at intervals to remind him.

At the end of the month the complainant came, saying that he had not yet been paid, and was desired to come again next day. Achmet requested the chamberlain to come also, who, when asked to pay the debt, laughed and positively refused to do so; whereupon Achmet ordered pipes and coffee, and whispered to an attend-

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ant to take his Excellency's horse as it stood to the market, and sell it at once.

Shortly after the attendant returned and placed a bag of money before Achmet, who divided it into two heaps (Turkish money in those days consisted of large debased coin), and, calling the complainant, said, "This belongs to you," and turning to the chamberlain, "This remains to your Excellency."

"What do you mean?" exclaimed the chamberlain.

"Why," replied Achmet, "as you positively refused to pay a debt which it has been decided by a court of law that you owed, and as I have been applied to officially in the matter, I have caused the horse on which you rode here to be sold, and have paid your creditor out of the proceeds; I now hand over to you the remainder of the money."

The chamberlain's wrath was great: the more so as he was obliged to walk back to the palace.—*Sel.*

Underdone.

A story is told in New Hampshire of a hunter of the last generation, more boastful than successful, who once joined a bear-hunting expedition in the mountains.

During the hunt, as this man was resting by the side of a rock and talking with another hunter, he remarked, "If there's anything I dote on, it's bear. A slice of bear-steak, nicely done, is just perfect."

"Well!" said his companion, looking up, "if there isn't a bear now!"

The man who "doted on bear" looked up, saw an immense bear standing on the top of the rock, gave a leap into the woods, and disappeared. His companion, soon overtook him, and said to the fugitive as he came up:

"Why, I thought you liked bear?"

"Well, I do," said the runaway, "but that 'ere one ain't done enough!"

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